

1                                   **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2           A method for converting monochrome images to color  
3 images. A monochrome image is blocked first, and pixel  
4 values of monochrome image blocks are obtained by  
5 statistical analysis. The monochrome image is then  
6 processed by layered mapping and color values of equal  
7 grayscale layers thereof are obtained. Finally, each  
8 monochrome image block is matched to a color of a  
9 corresponding equal grayscale layer.